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[Thomas to Council.]

Leonard Town 24th Feb^y 1776.

Gentⁿ At the time I waited on you at Annapolis, I gave orders to M^r Steward the first Lieutenant of my Company to be at Leonard Town with the party of thirty men (which he returned to me) on tuesday last, but have heard not a word either of him or the men since that time, The men enlisted by me are now here supported by M^r Ford and we are endeavouring to instruct them as fast as possible we can. I am sorry to request that you will interfere in the business and order M^r Steward down with the thirty men that he has enlisted, Information was lodged this day with the Committee that two men well dressed were passing thro this County who from their appearance & behaviour the Committee had reason to suspect, they therefore requested me to send after them, which I immediately did, but the two men that I sent were delayed a considerable time from the difficulty of procuring horses. I would beg you to consider whether as it will be frequently necessary to advise you of what may be passing here, and the numberless occasions we must have, whether it would not be proper to allow a horse for the use of the Company. If you think it proper be pleased to acquaint me by M^r Neale who will deliver you this.

I have also to request that you will send me about one hundred pounds, the money that I last received being all expended in Board, Blankets, Clothes, and neither of the two last yet fully got. M^r Neale also brings up seven gun locks sent by the Committee, and six purchased here by me the account of which M^r Neale will deliver. We have as yet received no powder, from Charles County, and from what I hear there is no reason to expect any. I am much afraid we shall be pushed for a Drummer & Fifer, I have been informed by M^r Davidson the second Lieutenant that there is a servant in Baltimore who has two years to serve who is a good fifer, which he will sell for fifteen pounds or thereabouts, as his Wages in one year would pay that sum and find him Clothes. I should be much obliged to you to allow me to purchase him. Of the several matters be pleased to inform me by M^r Neale.

I am Gen^t Your most obliged hu^{ble} Serv^t

J. A. Thomas.

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[Gilpin to Rumsey.]

Head of Elk. Feb^y 24th 1776.

Sir. I must beg the favor of you while you continue at Annapolis to git the Commitions for five of the Companys of